

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for electronically validating probability lottery ticket having a plurality of player removable play spots covering play indicia wherein the lottery ticket has at least a first and a second redemption value wherein the redemption value depends upon which of the play indicia are covered by play spots that have been removed, comprising:

ticket data, relating which of the play indicia are located under which of the play spots, located printed on the lottery ticket; and

an electronic validation machine, including a detector for determining which of the play spots have been removed from the lottery ticket, a data reader for reading said ticket data and a microprocessor operatively connected to said detector and said data reader wherein said microprocessor computes which of the from said play spots that have been removed from the lottery ticket, and wherein said microprocessor computes in combination with said ticket data either the first or the second redemption value a ticket redemption value based the indicia under from the said play spots which have been removed and said ticket data.

2. (Currently Amended ) The system of Claim 1 ~~additionally including a display operatively connected to said microprocessor for displaying said play redemption value wherein different combinations of said player indicia represent different winning ticket redemption values.~~

3. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein said electronic validation machine ~~includes means to stigmatize the lottery ticket~~ invalidates the lottery ticket if more than a predetermined number of the play spots have been removed.

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